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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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SUBJECT: REQUEST BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY FOR US
SPEAKER ON JUNE 20

1. BEIRUT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IS HOLDING A FORMAL INAUGURATION OF ITS NEW QUARTERS ON JUNE 17-20. IT IS USING OCCASION TO HIGHLIGHT CHAMBER'S ROLE NOT ONLY IN LEBANON BUT IN WHOLE MIDDLE EAST AREA. A SERIES OF ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS AND TALKS WILL BE HELD AND THE CHAMBER HAS INVITED THE EMBASSY TO PROVIDE A PROMINENT US PERSONAGE TO GIVE 30 TO 40 MINUTE TALK (IN ENGLISH) WITHIN CONTEXT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND THE WESTERN WORLD. THE DATE FIXED WOULD BE THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 20. OTHER PERSONS SPEAKING ON THE OCCASION INCLUDE PRESIDENT FRANGIEH, THE BROTHER OF GISCARD D'ESTAING, AND A WELL-KNOWN EGYPTIAN PERSONALITY. A REPLY BY MAY 21 IS REQUESTED.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY WELCOMES THIS GESTURE FROM THE CHAMBER AND BELIEVES WE SHOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY. IN THIS CONNECTION, A POSSIBILITY WOULD BE ONE OF THE HIGH-LEVEL FIGURES FROM WASHINGTON ATTENDING THE JUNE 18-20 ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN NOTED IN STATE 091348. (IF SPEAKER DEPARTED UNCLASSIFIED

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TEHRAN MORNING JUNE 20, HE WOULD HAVE AMPLE TIME TO

GIVE TALK IN AFTERNOON OF SAME DAY IN BEIRUT.) HOWEVER,
OTHER SOUCES COULD OBVIOUSLY BE TAPPED AS WELL. REPLY
ON REQUESTED DATE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. GODLEY

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